

415 at least one opening adjacent a rear portion of the seat and supplying intake air to the air intake system; and

a pair of rear fenders provided adjacent the rear portion of the seat, the at least one opening being located on at least one of the rear fenders.

9. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the at least one opening is a ventilation opening supplying air to both the air intake system and a radiator of the vehicle.

10. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the seat is located between the rear fenders, the air intake system including an intake pipe having an inlet end positioned adjacent a rear lateral portion of the seat.

416 11. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the at least one opening includes a pair of openings, the pair of openings being located on respective rear fenders, such that the rear portion of the seat is disposed between the pair of openings.

12. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the at least one opening is located on a respective rear fender generally rearward of the rearward portion of the seat.

13. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the at least one opening is not located directly vertically of the engine.

14. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the air intake system includes an intake pipe positioned so as to avoid interaction with a water wave created in a front portion of the vehicle when the vehicle travels through water.

15. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the at least one opening is at least partially formed by the rear portion of the seat.

16. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the air intake system includes an air intake pipe, wherein an end of the air intake pipe extends within the seat.

17. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the rear portion of the seat forms a hollow enclosure, an interior of the hollow enclosure being communicated with an end of the air intake pipe and the opening.

18. (Amended) A straddle-type motor vehicle having front and rear wheels and being capable of traversing water having a predetermined depth, the vehicle comprising:

- an engine;
- a frame that mounts the engine;
- an air intake box positioned adjacent the engine;
- at least one opening in communication with the air intake box; and
- rear fenders attached to the frame, the at least one opening being provided on at least one of the rear fenders,

the at least one opening being positioned on the vehicle rearward of the front wheels and so that a height of the opening is greater than the predetermined depth of the water, the at

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least one opening being positioned on the vehicle so as to avoid water entering the at least one opening due to encountering a water wave created in front of the vehicle that has a wave depth greater than the predetermined depth of the water.

20. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 18 wherein the at least one opening comprises at least one opening provided on each of the rear fenders.

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21. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 20, wherein the at least one opening is a pair of ventilation openings located on respective rear fenders, the ventilation openings being in communication with both the air intake box and a radiator of the vehicle.

22. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 18, wherein the air intake box includes an intake pipe having an inlet end adjacent to only one of the rear fenders.

23. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 18, further comprising a seat provided between the rear fenders, the air intake box including an intake pipe having an inlet end positioned adjacent a rear lateral portion of the seat.

24. (Amended) The straddle-type vehicle according to claim 18, wherein the at least one opening is positioned above one of the rear wheels.
